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TOPIC Military Information from Chemnitz

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REMARKS

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1. It was observed during the period from 14 to 16 February 1951 that soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets and black-bordered green epaulets were at the windows of the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse, Chemnitz (N 51/K 66). At dark the two buildings of the installation were fully lighted. Sentries observed there were red-bordered green epaulets. Motor vehicles seen [REDACTED] the drivers of which wore red-bordered green epaulets; [REDACTED] the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets with [REDACTED]. The radio installation previously observed on Franz Werfel Strasse, had been removed. It was not seen at any other place in the billeting area.

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2. [REDACTED] a division headquarters commanded by Colonel Kurtsev, (inu), was located at this installation. A Senior Lieutenant Fedin, (inu), was identified with this headquarters. An AAA unit was also quartered in the installation. Source noticed that the three barracks buildings fronting on Leninstrasse and the ground floor of the headquarters building were fully lighted at dark. Two AA guns of about 88-mm caliber with anti-rigger-type mounts on wheels with pneumatic tires, without muzzle brakes, were parked in front of the garage in the billeting area. About 15 officers and 50 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with artillery insignia, in addition to two soldiers with red-bordered green epaulets, were seen passing through the main gate during the period of observation. The sentry at the main gate wore red-bordered green epaulets. According to a craftsman, the northern edge of the barracks installation was patrolled by guards inside the fence. [REDACTED] the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, was seen.

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3. During a period of eight hours, four soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, and one soldier wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen leaving the Artillerie Kaserne in Obersdorf. A female SED member living close to the barracks installation stated that activities in the installation did not disturb

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her since "only one battalion" was quartered there. At another time about 120 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, 40 of whom were NCOs, were seen doing close-order drill. The installation was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, entered the barracks installation.

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4. The Nachrichten Kaserne in Ebersdorf, located on the southern edge of the Ebersdorf forest, is bordered by the Artillerie Kaserne on the west. According to a local resident, the arrival of construction materials in February 1951 indicated that construction work was to be done at the installation. It was noticed that only the headquarters building in the southeastern corner of the installation was occupied. Only eight windows of this building were lighted at dusk. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen. In the evening hours, the installation was guarded by patrols of two soldiers each, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. \*

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